

# **AUBURN ARTS COMMISSION**

## **Special Meeting Notes**

**May 3, 2012**

The special meeting was called to order at 7:12pm by Vice Chairman Lee Buckingham at the home of Tim Grayson (12468 Incline Drive, Auburn). Present were: Lee Buckingham, Rob Turner, Aloha Baumgarten, April Maynard, Joyce Silva, Nancy Hakala and Judi Lardner. Also in attendance was Tim Grayson.

A quorum was established.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

**AAC vacancies:** Lee asked Tim if he could leave the room to allow discussion of his application for the vacancy on the AAC. After minimal discussion, it was moved and seconded that Tim Grayson be appointed to fill the empty member-at-large seat on the AAC. The motion was approved unanimously and the recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council.

**2013 Budget for the Council:** There was a general discussion about potential budget items for 2013, including updating the public art catalog, Auburn Arts in the Park, mural projects, exploration of placement of non-mural art/sculpture around town, and celebrating the City of Auburn's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A budget was proposed as follows:

• Art Walk	\$ 4,000
• Auburn Arts in the Park	2,000
• Mural	2,000
• Public Art Catalog	500
• 125 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	<u>1,500</u>
Total budget request	\$10,000

April moved and Joyce seconded the proposed budget, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Mountain Quarries Railroad Bridge Mural:** Rob introduced the topic by saying that he has been talking to many people in the community and that opinions about the mural are pretty evenly divided but that most people believe the mural has yet to be finished. A discussion followed about how best to proceed. The idea of adding a "framed" area on the right side of the mural that would give a brief history of the bridge as well as the story of the mural's creation was discussed. Nancy and Rob said they would meet with Archie to discuss the idea of adding such an area to the mural. If they can come up with a mutually agreeable design proposal, they will bring it back to the June 12<sup>th</sup> AAC meeting.

**Auburn Arts in the Park:** Tim brought up the placement of the small banner, which is currently located in front of City Hall. He will talk with Will Wong about moving the banner to the High Street entrance. Joyce asked whether all the large posters were distributed (yes, except for two remaining posters). Joyce mentioned the May 7<sup>th</sup> photo shoot and interview and reminded Aloha and April that an artist and musician should be there at 1:00 pm. Lee said that he was informed that the cost of the Porta-Potties would be higher than he was originally told (\$375 instead of \$200). There was a brief discussion of expenditures to date (banners - \$320, posters - \$20). Nancy said that Fortezza Winery would be selling bottles of wine at the festival. There was a further discussion of food vendors. The general consensus was to opt for smaller, self-contained sellers (AAUW – hot dogs, etc.: Friends of the Library – popcorn, cookies, coffee, etc.). Lee said that we would have to provide front money for food if Virgil Traynor's group provided food for the event, since we cannot give a good estimate of the expected audience. Since the AAC doesn't have any money budgeted for food, it was decided that we wouldn't be able to use this group. Hilda's Bakery was also mentioned as a possible food vendor. Rob wondered if the gate should be opened to allow easy access to Taco Tree. A discussion about beer and wine sales ensued. Tim said that it is too late for another group to obtain a license to sell alcohol at the festival. It was suggested that the AAC sell bottled water and soda. Tim will look into this. There was a lengthy discussion about programs – what should be in them (Tim had a mock-up program), whether the artists' permission should be obtained before printing their names and/or contact information (Aloha will follow-up), the size of the program (legal versus letter-sized paper), how many programs should be printed (200 for now), etc. Joyce asked about creating an exit questionnaire, which was thought by all to be a good idea. Joyce asked about whether the Sugar Plump Fairies should ask for donations. The general consensus was no. Tim talked about the need for volunteers for different aspects of the festival. He will talk to the Pioneer Methodist Church about how they can help. Tim also brought up the question of whether the park and parking lot should be closed to the public during set-up Saturday morning. Lee will talk to Bob Richardson about this and report back to the AAC at the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. There was some discussion about decorations for the festival – where, what type, etc. This topic was deferred to the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, when the AAC will walk the site to discuss remaining details.

The next regular meeting will be on May 8, 2012 at 8:15 am.

Special meeting adjourned at 9:29 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judi Lardner, Secretary